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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 9958
Masamichi NAKASHIBA et al. : Docket No. 2000-0722
Serial No. 09/589,388 : Group Art Unit 3723
Filed June 8, 2000 : Examiner George Nguyen
APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD FOR : ATTN: BOX RCE
POLISHING WORKPIECE

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of May 13, 2002, Applicants kindly request entry of the following amendments to the claims and reconsideration of the rejections contained in the final Office Action as well as the further objections contained in the Advisory Action.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

41/78 (Amended) A polishing apparatus for polishing a surface of a workpiece, comprising:

a top ring for holding a workpiece; and
a plurality of chambers formed in said top ring, fluid pressures being supplied in said
respective chambers to provide polishing pressure to a central area and an outer circumferential
area, wherein a radial width along a radius of said top ring of an outer one of said plurality of
chambers is narrower than a radius of a central one of said plurality of chambers.

84880 (Amended) A method for polishing a workpiece, comprising:

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